

# INTRODUCTION

## The Yuma Area Office (YAO):

- ◆ Maintains the Colorado River channel and levees from Davis Dam to the U.S.-Mexico border
- ◆ Administers all Colorado River water deliveries downstream of Davis Dam to users in southern Arizona, southern California, and Mexico:
  - About 95% of water deliveries go to agriculture, the leading industry (\$3.5B)
- ◆ Operates and maintains four drainage well fields in the Yuma area
- ◆ Maintains drainage canals
- ◆ Maintains the world's largest reverse osmosis desalting plant
- ◆ Conducts desalting technology research
- ◆ Manages all salinity control projects south of Imperial Dam
- ◆ Operates dredges and uses land-based heavy equipment to maintain the Colorado River channel for navigation, flood control, and water delivery
- ◆ Provides technical support and conducts water conservation demonstration projects
- ◆ Conducts habitat restoration and management projects



**YAO Headquarters, Yuma Desalting Plant 2004**

## YAO Core Values:

- ◆ Positive attitude
- ◆ Diversity
- ◆ Effective service
- ◆ Fact-based decision making
- ◆ Results oriented
- ◆ Achievement/Performance Recognition

